

My name is Roderick Casey, I reside in Ypsilanti Mi, in the County of Washtenaw... By the Grace of God I am Pres (People of Diversity United for Equality) and a Representative for the Washtenaw County Democratic Party Judicial Committee. As a Public Servant and Messenger, I bring you these messages.

On Oct. 11, 2001 I had an out-patient operation at a local hospital.

Several hours later I became gravely ill from the operation and had to be returned to that hospital. Upon returning to the hospital I attempted to go into the triage area to seek medical attention and was attacked, assaulted & battered by a young Caucasian male and 4 of his Caucasian co-workers After their vicious assault I was examined by doctors and it was diagnosed that I was bleeding and clotting internally from the blotched surgery. I was immediately admitted into the hospital. The entire incident was caught and recorded on their hospital surveillance camera, evidence that was suppressed by the court from being shown to the jury. (See: Transcript of trial on reverse side)

Instead of being accountable for their medical malpractice and employee's criminal actions I was maliciously prosecuted by the hospital and it's employees.

I was tried twice, during the first trial I noticed that all the jurors were Caucasian with the exception of one matured African American female (being a white on black crime) I asked for permission to address the court and told the judge **"Your honor, this is not a jury of my peers...I never recall seeing any of them in my neighborhood... can you give me a jury with at least half of them to be of the same race as mine?!"**

Not surprisingly my request was denied. The first trial was dead-locked for three days and was deemed a mistrial because the only African American female juror refused to submit to the majority pressure to return a guilty verdict

In the second trial I received another all Caucasian jury with the exception of one young and timid African American male. This jury convicted me in exactly 60 minutes, at 12:24 am on a Good Friday and The judge "an African American" (who name I will not mention out of the Spirit of Forgiveness & Goodwill) sentenced me to the maximum 90 days because I would not accept a plea bargain. I served a total of 75 days...while still ailing from the blotched operation. Several months after I was released from prison I met the matured African American woman who had deadlocked the first trial... she hugged me and started weeping and told me that she thought that she would never see me again because she just knew that I would die in jail, she went on to tell me about her horrible experience and about how her fellow Caucasian jurors made racist remarks, intimidation tactics, etc.

According to a 2003 study from the U.S. Justice Dept. of Bureau Justice Statistic an estimate of 12 percent of African men ages 20 to 34 are in jail or prison compared to 1.6 percent Caucasian in the same age group, it is has been calculated that 28 percent African American male will be sent to prison or jail in their lifetime. (Source: Ann Arbor News 04/07/03)

The government now spends \$32,000 a year on a prison inmate.

The private prison industry is one of the fastest growing commodities on the stock market, these corporations stand to be the biggest benefactor of this judicial inequity.

No one should have to go through what I had to endure, that is why I'm

urging our legislators to unite, support and pass House Bill 4859

Thank you for allowing me to address this committee...

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1 seated.

2 THE COURT: Counsel, are there any additional
3 question of this witness?

4 MS. STEPHENS: No further questions, your
5 Honor.

6 MS. FIELD: No, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Troutman, you are
8 excused. Thank you.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: May this witness be excused?

11 MS. STEPHENS: She can be excused.

12 MS. FIELD: Yes, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Yes, you are excused.

14 Thank you.

15 (At 7:56 p.m., witness excused)

16 THE COURT: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury,
17 the Court had previously admitted Defense Exhibit A and
18 after diligent efforts to obtain video equipment that
19 would be compatible with Exhibit A, which is the time
20 sequence videotape that you've heard about through the
21 testimony through Ms. Troutman. This Court is now
22 going to order that the Jury will not be able to view
23 the tape. The Court is going to strike the admission
24 previously granted to Defense Exhibit A, the videotape,
25 because of the absence of the compatible equipment.